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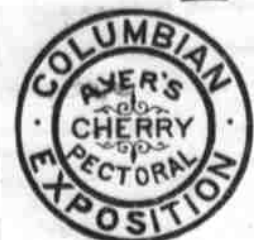
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"MARK TWAIN'S" SECOND VISIT TO HONOLULU.

Sketch of the Famous American Humorist--Where He Found His Pen Name--Began as Printer's Devil.

Some people have an impression that men of letters, whose works have pleased them for many years, maintain perpetual youth. Those subject to such a hallucination forget, except on their birthdays, that they are growing old themselves, and their thoughts of authors who beguiled their hours many years ago are influenced by first impressions so greatly that they cannot divest their favorites not in bodily sight from the condition of youthfulness. The jolly and jaunty humor of such men as the late H. W. Shaw ("Josh Billings"), B. P. Shillaber ("Mrs. Partington") and Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes heightened the not unpleasant impression referred to while they lived. Dr. Holmes indeed to the last of his green old age insisted on a claim to juvenility of spirit that could not be crushed by the weight of years. Thus we think of "Mark Twain" as he was when his writings first tickled us about thirty years ago, when he was a robust but indolent editor in Nevada and California. Mr. Clemens cannot be called an old man now, yet his years have reached the mature figure of threescore. That his natural powers of humor are as yet unabated, however, is well evidenced by his latest works. "Pudd'nhead Wilson" has features of quaint and audacious humor not surpassed by anything that ever delighted the reading public from his pen. It must not be taken as offensive to have indolence imputed to the early disposition of our subject, as such belongs rightly or wrongly to his reputation. One of the stories current about his California journalistic career is that he was wont to lazily stretch himself, on receiving a call for "copy," and remark, "There is nothing that disagrees with me so much as working between meals."

As "Mark Twain" is going to lecture here on Saturday evening, if wind and weather shall not detain the good steamship Warri-moo from arrival in due time, the following sketch of him from the American edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica will be of interest to our people: "CLEMENS, SAMUEL LANGHORNE (Mark Twain), humorist, born in Florida, Mo., November 30, 1835. He was educated in the village school in Hannibal, Mo., and was apprenticed to a printer. After learning his trade he journeyed from town to town until he reached New York. Afterward he went to New Orleans, and became a pilot on the Mississippi river steamboats. In 1861 he went to Nevada, as private secretary to his brother, who had been made secretary of the Territory. He engaged in mining in Nevada and in 1862 became city editor of the Virginia City Enterprise. In 1865 he went to San Francisco, where he was engaged as a reporter on the Morning Call. After experimenting in gold-mining, he resumed his work for the California press, and visited the Hawaiian Islands as newspaper correspondent. After his return he delivered humorous lectures in California and Nevada, and went to the East, where he published

'The Jumping Frog and Other Sketches' (New York, 1867). In 1867 he went with a party of tourists to the Mediterranean, Egypt and Palestine, publishing on his return 'The Innocents Abroad' (Hartford, 1869), of which 125,000 copies were sold in three years. For a time he edited the Buffalo (N. Y.) Express, and after his marriage settled in Hartford, Conn., where he now (1889) resides.

"In 1872 he lectured in England, and a London publisher issued an unauthorized collection of his writings, in which were published sketches which he did not write. His pen-name, 'Mark Twain,' was suggested by the familiar cry of the sailors on the Mississippi steamboats, where in sounding a depth of two fathoms the leadman calls out 'mark twain!' Among his writings are 'Roughing It' (Hartford, 1873); 'Sketches Old and New'; 'Adventures of Tom Sawyer,' a story of boy life in Missouri (1876); 'Punch, Brothers, Punch' (1878); 'A Tramp Abroad' (1886); 'The



SAMUEL L. CLEMENS.

Stolen White Elephant' (Boston, 1882); 'The Prince and the Pauper' (1882); 'Life on the Mississippi' (1883); 'Huckleberry Finn,' a sequel to Tom Sawyer (New York, 1885). He also wrote with Charles Dudley Warner, a story, 'The Gilded Age,' which was dramatized and produced in New York in 1874, and in 1889 published 'A Yankee at King Arthur's Court.' Mr. Clemens is a popular lecturer, having appeared in various cities in this country and Europe. In 1884 he established in New York the publishing firm of C. L. Webster & Co. Mr. Clemens' works have been republished in England and translations have appeared in Germany."

It may be added that Mr. Clemens' publishing firm failed on account of unfortunate circumstances, causing severe loss to the popular humorist. Some of Mark Twain's works have been sharply criticized for their seeming irreverence. His "Tom Sawyer" was raked over the coals by moralists as tending to make insubordination and "kid" devilry heroic. Perhaps these criticisms were not uncalled for, yet Mark Twain will always be liked for the spice he has imparted to human existence, and besides their amusing qualities his works possess, on the whole, a well-recognized element of good, in their strong showing up of sundry human conceits and foibles that nothing is more availing to check than keen satire.

IN THE POLICE COURT.

SOME HEAVY FINES AND SENTENCES IMPOSED.

Offenders Against the Opium and Liquor Laws Get It Where the Chicken Got the Axe.

If the presiding justice of the District Court would do as well for the Republic of Hawaii every day as he has this morning, Minister Damon would not have to lie awake nights puzzling his brains as to where the money to pay Col. Spaulding's annual subsidy of \$50,000 was coming from, neither would the general public have just cause or reason to grumble at the enormous expenditures connected with keeping up the Attorney-General and surrounding him with the necessary spies and secret service officials he now thinks absolutely necessary to properly keep up his department. As to Col. McLean and his little army, the item of \$40,000 a year would be voted for their maintenance even quicker than the record for fast time now held by the late Legislature on the cable scheme.

All this, of course, is on the presumption that Judge Perry does as well in the matter of cash as he did this morning, when he imposed fines to the amount of \$405.90 in less than two hours, and on another presumption that the fines are paid instead of being worked out at fifty cents per day.

The cases of George Hough-taling and Kahaiwanao for selling liquor without a license were put over until the 26th and that of Sam Makaike, charged with abstracting seven dollars in dimes and nickels, earned by good solid hard work on the part of some of the poor mules of the Hawaiian Tramways Company, and said to belong to that energetic, rustling but soulless corporation, to the 23rd when J. L. Kaulukou will give the defendant the benefit of his legal knowledge and experience, with the necessary eloquence to properly present the case thrown in. Incidentally, to vary the monotony of continuances His Honor granted three poor drunks three minutes of his valuable time and only charged them three dollars each.

Chong Sam, whose Sunday go-to-meeting name is Soon Fu, pleaded guilty of running a hash-house without interviewing the genial chief clerk of the Interior Department on the subject of the necessary license. Judge Perry gave him a kindergarten lesson on the same after his plea was recorded and Chong is eleven dollars loser by the operation.

The star defendant this week to appear before the Court was Kong Fai. He was guilty of having opium in his possession and said so unreservedly and frankly, and he was probably smart enough to think he might get a reduction on the usual \$250 fine if he acknowledged his guilt. He got fined \$200 and \$3 for costs.

Kauwauwa was tried on a charge of vagrancy and one witness testified that he had not done any work since Kalakaua's time and that he got his food from those that gave it him. Defendant gave no testimony himself, consequently the secret of existing without work is still buried in his manly breast. However, taking into consideration the vile condition of the lower end of Fort street His Honor thought an extra hand on the work of improving it would be a welcome addition to the present force. For the next four months he will work for the Republic of Hawaii in return for a new and fashionable suit of clothes of the style at present in vogue among the habitués of Jailer Low's hotel on the reef.